

THE WEATHER
Generally fair and warmer tonight and Thursday with coldest tonight about 30 degrees; gentle winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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MAN IS ARRESTED AS ALLEGED HEAD OF DRUG RING HERE

Woman Heroin Victim Gives Information Against Supposed 'King of Peddlers'

FIVE ARE SENTENCED TO HOUSE OF CORRECTION

A man the police call "The King of the Drug Peddlers" was arrested following the confession of a woman who all but died as the result of an overdose of heroin.

The starting witness with which Miller's friends bailed him out is only one reason the police have for believing that he is backed by powerful influence with unlimited money.

Another is a mysterious telegram, headed Lieutenant Gray at the Eleventh and Winter streets station, last night, a short time after Miller's arrest.

Woman Aids Police
The telegram was unsigned and read: "Take care of Miller and we'll take care of you—try to let him go."

Marie Gallagher, who says she has been a user of drugs for some time, made possible the arrest of Miller by informing the police that she had seen Miller at the Hahnemann Hospital.

The woman was taken to the hospital last night in a stupor from an overdose of drugs.

Late yesterday the woman regained consciousness. Magistrate Grellis was called to the police station to see her.

The detectives swore out a warrant and hurried to an address the woman had given him as Miller's home. They found Miller standing outside a restaurant on Eleventh and Winter streets.

The police say that Miller, who is twenty-nine years old, has been convicted several times of drug selling and has served terms in the penitentiary.

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WINNER OF TODAY'S LIMERICK



Miss Margaret Bates, whose last line for a limping limerick was awarded the prize by a jury of women from the Strawbridge & Clothier store, was snapped yesterday at her typewriter in the office of the Royal Paper Co. in Bryn Mawr. Her home is at 5020 Walton avenue, West Philadelphia.

Girl Stenographer Wins the Ninth Limerick Prize

But They Didn't Know It When They Cast Their Ballots at Strawbridge & Clothier's

Representatives of Various Departments in the Store Picked Stenographer for Prize-Winner

Photographs of the woman's limerick which she chose today's winner will be found on the back page.

All you fellows take seats away back in the hall and keep mighty quiet or they may get the Powerful Katrinka to act as bounce and put you out.

First the judges who awarded the prize announced today were ten young women from various departments in the Strawbridge & Clothier store.

Second, without having any names on the limericks and with no way of knowing for whom they were voting, they gave the prize to another woman.

The fortunate winner is MISS MARGARET BATES, 5020 Walton avenue, West Philadelphia.

With Royal Paper Co., Bryn Mawr. It was a great day yesterday for the limerick editors. We'll say so.

GIRLS SAVE LIVES OF BOYS IN FIRE

Find One Crying on Floor After Other Is Carried to Street. Screams Rouse Brother

Two little girls, discovering a fire in the home of one of them today when their mother was out, saved the lives of two smaller children and awakened an older boy who was asleep directly over the flames.

The fire was in the home of Mrs. Mary Kirk, 2757 Helen street. Mrs. Kirk had gone to market, leaving some clothes pinned up to dry on a line in the kitchen. Lily, her twelve-year-old daughter, was sweeping the dining room; John, five years old, and Peirce, two years old, were playing about the first floor, and Edward, nineteen years old, was asleep in a room upstairs.

Lily suddenly saw flames in the kitchen. She picked up John and ran to the street, screaming for help. She returned for Peirce, but could not find him.

Helen, thirteen years old, who lives next door at 2755, and is Lily's playmate, heard the scream and came running into the house.

"I can't find Peirce," said Lily. Helen put her head down and ran in through the smoke. She groped around a few minutes and found the baby, crying on the floor. She picked him up and carried him outside. Then the two girls screamed for Edward.

The children took refuge with a neighbor while the firemen came to save them. The damage is estimated at \$1500.

Mrs. Kirk returned from market just as the firemen were through. She went to the neighbors' where the children were, and fainted.

Today's Developments in National Capital

A request by Attorney General Palmer for \$500,000 for prohibition enforcement was not included by the House appropriations committee in framing the sundry civil bill.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon broke the record for service in Congress, having been a member of the House for nearly forty-four years.

Exciting scenes occurred before the House census committee when southern congressmen took issue with witnesses who charged that Negroes are prevented from voting in the South.

The verbal clashes took place at a hearing on the congressional reapportionment bill.

ARCH ST. FUR SHOP LOOTED OF \$23,700 WITHIN 6 MINUTES

Men Escape Before Police Summoned by Alarm Appear—Get License of Suspicious Auto

W. PHILA. STORE ROBBED; MANY OTHER CRIMES

\$36,800 Is Thieves' Harvest From 3 Places Last Night

\$23,700—Value of furs stolen from 708 Arch street.

\$10,000—Value of furs stolen from 358 South Fifty-second street.

\$1800—Value of jewelry stolen from home of C. D. Goodman.

Furs valued at \$23,700 were stolen at 10 o'clock this morning from the store of the Export Furriers, at 708 Arch street, in spite of an automatic burglar alarm system.

The thieves worked so rapidly that six minutes after the alarm had been set off by their entrance, police and England are believed approximately \$125,000 under the terms of the will of Henry Fell, who lived at the Union League, and who died December 22 in Atlantic City.

The will admitted to probate here today, disposes of an estate valued at over \$200,000.

The Children's Hospital, Twenty-second and Walnut streets, will receive \$30,000. Other bequests include \$5000 to Hahnemann Hospital, \$5000 to Jefferson Hospital, \$3000 to St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal Church, Sixteenth and Locust streets, for chalice, to be studied by Mr. Fell's jewels; \$1000 to St. Clement's Church, Twentieth and Cherry streets; \$50,000 to the Nazareth (Womans) House; \$10,000 to the Society of St. Margaret, Boston; \$20,000 to the Society of St. John the Evangelist, Crowley, England, and \$1000 to St. Hubert's Society, London, England.

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Declare Woman Had Threatened to Kill Suicidal Uncle

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Mrs. Clara Clegg, his sister, and his brother have begun an investigation in which they will be assisted by all his friends. They make three charges: That Lieutenant O'Brien was threatened with death by a woman on four separate occasions.

That Virgil Moore, an aviator friend of O'Brien, created a plot from this woman when she was trying to kill O'Brien.

That O'Brien did not write the "death note" found near his body, but that it was written by his slayer.

That there were no powder marks around the wound.

That his personal possessions had all disappeared.

2 WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH

Fatal Pleasantville Boarding House Fire Blamed on Incendary

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The building was wrecked and the estimated damage is about \$12,000, partly insured.

Smelling smoke, Kelsey got up at about 4 o'clock, and discovered that the kitchen discovered flames eating through the floor. Through his failure to procure water either by reason of the pipes having been frozen or the water being turned off, the blaze made rapid headway and soon enveloped the interior of the building. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

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Stiff Sentences Given Men and Women Who Stole Taxi

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JAMES McCARTNEY Cornell student who is missing from Ithaca, N. Y. He lives at 4822 North Marine street.

HENRY FELL LEFT \$125,000 TO HOSPITALS AND CHARITY

Churches Also Are Remembered by Union League Member

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ANKLERS, Dec. 29.—The Davis cup lawn tennis matches again were postponed here today because of rain.

If the weather clears it is hoped that the opening round in the singles will be played on Thursday.

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PHILA. MAN LOST; CORNELL STUDENT

Half Blinded in Military Service, Is Thought to Be Mentally Unbalanced

'WANDERING' MOTHER SAYS

James A. McCartney, twenty-four years old, world war veteran and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCartney, 4822 North Marine street, is missing from Ithaca, N. Y., where he has been attending Cornell University.

The search for him was extended over New York and to sections in central and eastern Pennsylvania. His mother does not believe he was a victim of foul play, although she concedes the possibility she knows of no other troubles which had their origin when he was in the service have affected his mind, and that he is wandering about or is ill in an institution somewhere in this state.

McCartney's efforts to be of service to his country led to nothing but misfortune for him, and ended in his failure to be sent across the sea to France, as had been his hope. He tried to enlist, but was turned down because of a defect in eyesight. He was later drafted, passed an examination, and went to Camp Greene. He was attached to a hospital unit. Early in 1918 he was injured at an operation and his right eye became infected and for several months he received medical treatment at Camp Greene and Camp Upton.

A little more than a year ago he was sent to St. Agnes' Hospital in this city. Three operations were performed. To save the sight of at least one eye, the right optic was removed from its socket. The sight of the left was saved, but it was weakened, necessitating the use of heavy-lensed eyeglasses.

Under the government's ruling McCarty went to State College and later was transferred to Cornell University for a vocational training in poultry-raising. He was interested in the work and hoped to become owner of his own poultry-raising business.

McCartney wrote his parents on December 12 he would not be in Philadelphia for Christmas, that he intended to go to Laceyville, Pa., to be the guest of Dr. J. Beaumont, and would come here for New Year's Day, expecting to remain with his parents and eight brothers and sisters for a short time before returning to Ithaca.

He left Ithaca December 18, but did not reach Laceyville. A telegraphic message was sent from Laceyville by Dr. Beaumont to his father. When no news developed until December 21 a search was started.

"Wandering," Says Mother

His mother said today that a younger brother had gone to Ithaca several days ago to aid in the hunt. "I do not think at this time James has been a victim of foul play," she said today. "I do not overlook the possibility, however, for he may have had quite some money with him, and he might have been affected from worry over his physical troubles and he has either wandered somewhere, only to be taken ill, and is lying in a hospital. We're hoping every minute for some definite news."

McCartney is described as being twenty-four years old, five feet ten inches in height, weight 160 pounds, dark brown hair and brown mustache, closely trimmed. When last seen at Ithaca he wore a gray oxford suit, soft brown hat and brown shoes.

SEVERE 'QUAKE IN CALIFORNIA

Willows, Calif., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—An earthquake, so severe that it aroused all inhabitants of the town, occurred here at 2:15 this morning. So far as has been reported no damage resulted.

DANIELS WON'T SEE FLEET MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Daniels will be unable to witness the first joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets at Panama Bay and off the west coast of South America next month, he announced today, because of hearings in Congress on the naval appropriation bill. He had hoped to witness their mobilization to round out his term as secretary.

ALLIED PREMIERS TO MEET IN LONDON OR PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Because of the labor situation in England, which makes necessary the presence of Prime Minister Lloyd George in London, the next conference of the Allied Premiers will take place in London or Paris, and not at Nice, it is said by newspapers here today.

GAS OVERCOMES WOMAN

She is Found Unconscious by Husband—Her Condition is Serious

Mrs. Anna Curry, forty years old, was found unconscious from gas in a room on the third floor at 637 North Eleventh street, at 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Her husband, Peter Curry, made the discovery on his return from work. Gas was flowing from an unlighted stove. Mrs. Curry was taken to Hahnemann Hospital, where her condition is said to be serious.

Detective Titus, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station, conducted an investigation. He believes the woman was overcome accidentally.

Three Men Escape Uninjured When House is Damaged

Fire early today caused damage amounting to \$7000 in the home of Frank Hitcher, wall paper manufacturer, at 3105 Westfield avenue, Camden.

Patrolman Hurlock, answering a call from an excited householder living in the neighborhood of the Hitcher house, discovered the fire, which started in the cellar about 1 o'clock this morning.

Hurlock awakened Hitcher and Carl Grune and W. S. Abbott, who were at the Hitcher home. All escaped from the house, uninjured.

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Who's Next?

These political leaders have rallied under Mayor Moore's battle flag: Magistrate William F. Campbell, Twenty-fifth ward leader.

Congressman-elect James J. Connelly, Campbell's chief aide.

Andrew W. Froesch, Alliance leader of Forty-second ward.

David T. Hart, anti-Vare leader of Twenty-third ward.

William D. Diston, independent leader of Forty-first ward.

N. E. Lindell, political chief of staff in Forty-first ward.

Harry J. Trainer, Penrose leader of Third ward.

Ellis Abrams, Alliance leader of Sixteenth ward.

John Ficker, independent leader of Forty-sixth ward.

Councilman Robert J. Patton, Alliance leader of Thirty-third ward.

AUTO ACCIDENTS FATAL TO MAN, 65, AND BOY, 11

Koppel Shenkin and Richard T. Donnelly Die in Hospital

Deaths of two persons injured in automobile accidents several days ago last night in the Hahnemann Hospital, as reported to the coroner's office today.

Koppel Shenkin, sixty-five years old, of 2626 South Perry street, struck by an automobile at Eighth street and Snyder street on Christmas Day, died late last night in the Mount Sinai Hospital. Following the accident, police station, which covers the ward.

Richard T. Donnelly, eleven years old, of 1434 Catharine street, died late last night in the Hahnemann Hospital. The cause of death was given as "blood poisoning, caused by injuries received in an automobile accident."

Young Donnelly was struck by a machine in the central section of the city, about two weeks ago.

LEADERS SEE PENROSE

Hurried Conference Called at Shore Before Senator Leaves

Officials and men prominent in politics from Pennsylvania hurried to Atlantic City this morning for a conference with Senator Penrose.

On the eve of Senator Penrose's departure for Washington, the conference is regarded as markedly significant, and is believed to have a direct bearing on the legislative program to be followed at Harrisburg in January.

The leaders went to the seashore on special invitation from Senator Penrose, and at noon were waiting at the Shelburne to go into conference. Some of the Pennsylvanians would comment on the purposes of the meeting and it is expected the conference will continue until late in the day.

Mr. Penrose's guests included Samuel S. Lewis, of York, Pa., auditor general-elect; Robert S. Spangler, speaker of the House of Representatives at the last session, and Senator Penrose's selection for that post at the next session; William B. Gallagher, clerk of the Senate; James Woodward, secretary of Internal Affairs; Harry S. Baker, secretary of the Republican state committee, and William I. McCaig, prominent politician, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

"SAM'L O'POSEN" DEAD

Famous Comedian of Old School Dies in County Hospital

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—Sam'l O'Posen, an actor known throughout the country years ago for his characterization of the drummer in the play, "Sam'l O'Posen," died today at the County Hospital.

Curly killed a policeman in San Francisco twenty-five years ago and obtained an acquittal of the charge of murder only after spending most of the money he had acquired on the stage.

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Police Told to Purge Section Ruled by Municipal Court Judge

LIEUT. MARPLE SENT TO RID 15TH OF CRIME

Will Test Power of New Hostile Alliance to Protect Its Followers

NORTHEAST CHIEF CHANGES

Powerful Leader of 25th Ward Turns on Vare-Brown-Cunningham Group

The uprooting of vice, gambling and "blind tigers" in the Fifteenth ward, where Judge Brown is leader, was ordered today by Mayor Moore, who sent Lieutenant Grant Marple to command the Twentieth and Buttonwood streets police station, which covers the ward.

Almost at the same hour a blow was dealt the Brown-Vare-Cunningham combine by announcement by Magistrate William F. Campbell that he, as leader of the Twenty-fifth ward, will support the Mayor in the battle now raging along the whole political front.

The Mayor has singled out the Fifteenth ward to make a test case in crushing vice and gambling under political protection and has ordered Lieutenant Marple to let no guilty man escape, no matter how highly placed in official or political life he may be.

The Mayor's graphic instructions were given to the police lieutenant in Mr. Moore's office in the presence of Director of Public Safety Courtney.

The Mayor said: "We are sending you into this district because of your good record in the department to do straight police duty. You are not to be influenced by politicians of high or low degree. Your orders are to come from your superiors which means the Mayor, the director and those in charge of police details under them."

Conditions in Fifteenth Ward

"The district in which you are going is said to have been subject to political influence. Reports that come to us give reason for belief that gamblers, vice protectors and illicit liquor dealers and makers have obtained a foothold in this district."

"It may not be different from some of the other districts, but we are going to make a test in this district and put you in charge. We want no spectacular raids, nor anything done hastily and without sufficient evidence to warrant a conviction of offenders."

"If you are obliged to make a raid be very careful about the men you select to do the work, but if you are right let no guilty man escape, no matter how high or low he may be in official or political life."

"You will be given special officers of your own choice and sergeants upon whom you feel you can rely. These forces at your command, as shall expect an improvement in the district over which it is expected you will exercise beneficial influence. We want the officers and men to feel that their jobs are safe when they perform their duty and that they can disregard political meddling without fear of interference at the moment."

The Mayor intimated that the Ninth district would be made a test case of a new order of police oversight and that the continuance of gambling or vice protection in any form would be closely watched.